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# H. R. 4021

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. DOOLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Giant Sequoia Groves  
5       Protection and Management Act of 2000”.

6       **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

7       (a) STUDY OF GIANT SEQUOIA GROVES.—Within 30  
8       days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
9       shall enter into an agreement with and provide funding,  
10      to the National Academy of Sciences (“NAS”), the Board

1 on Agriculture and Natural Resources, (“Board”), to con-  
2 duct a detailed, comprehensive study of the ecology, man-  
3 agement and protection of sequoia groves within the Se-  
4 quoa National Forest and to provide science-based rec-  
5 ommendations for future management.

6 (1) CONTENTS.—The study shall identify and  
7 consider—

8 (A) the best management practices nec-  
9 essary to protect, restore and maintain the  
10 long-term health, and to ensure adequate regen-  
11 eration and expansion of the giant sequoia  
12 groves, including methods of reducing the po-  
13 tential for catastrophic fire and loss to insects  
14 and disease;

15 (B) the adequacy of existing federal and  
16 state forest management regulations, programs  
17 and practices in the Sequoia National Forest  
18 with regard to the objectives in subparagraph  
19 (1)(A);

20 (C) the adequacy of existing federal and  
21 state forest management regulations, programs  
22 and practices on the forests outside of the se-  
23 quoa groves in terms of how they affect the  
24 health of the sequoia groves;

1 (D) recommendations and conclusions re-  
2 garding how federal and state forest manage-  
3 ment could be coordinated and improved to  
4 achieve the goals in subparagraph (1)(A).

5 (2) CONSULTATION.—In preparation of the  
6 study, the Board shall consult with the relevant  
7 state and federal regulatory authorities to identify  
8 and evaluate relevant regulations, programs and  
9 practices.

10 (3) EXISTING LITERATURE.—The Board shall  
11 review and synthesize published literature pertaining  
12 to giant sequoia, including the 1996 Sierra Nevada  
13 Ecosystem Project Report to Congress and its anal-  
14 ysis of giant sequoia health.

15 (b) REPORT.—No later than 18 months after the  
16 date on which the agreement is entered under subsection  
17 (a), the Board shall submit a final report to the appro-  
18 priate federal agencies, the Congress and the Governor of  
19 California.

20 (c) FUNDS.—From the funds made available for  
21 roads and trails within the U.S. Forest Service, the Sec-  
22 retary shall provide to the NAS such funds as it requests,  
23 not to exceed \$800,000 for the purpose of conducting this  
24 analysis.

1       (d) NATIONAL MONUMENTS.—On or after the date  
2 of enactment, no lands within the boundaries of the Se-  
3 quia National Forest shall be available for proclamation  
4 as a national monument by the President of the United  
5 States, under the authority granted by the Act of June  
6 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225, 16 U.S.C. 431; popularly known  
7 as the Antiquities Act of 1906) until at least 90 days after  
8 publication of the final report authorized in subsection (b).

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